Happy Christmas

The Shakerite

Merry New Year

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Gristmill Staff Enlarges Annual For Better Post-War Issue

The 1946 *Gristmill* will blossom forth in the spring with all the added attractions of a real post-war annual. Dave Dressler, student editor of the year book, working with Margy Polster, Kathryn Svec, and Merny Hamilton, other *Gristmill* editors, has announced plans for a bigger and better memory book, to contain snapshots and photographs of many of Shaker's school clubs and organizations.

The first of three sales campaigns for subscription to this year's annual was carried on during the week of December 3-7. The remaining two drives will be held after the holiday vacation, probably in January and February. The goal for the number of books to be sold has been set at 525, which represents close to sixty percent of the school.

Forty School Organizations Pictured

Some forty school organizations will be featured with pictorial displays in this first post-war Gristmill. A main attraction along these lines will be the group and action shots of the varsity football, basketball, wrestling, swimming, track, tennis, and baseball squads, and photographs of the sophomore football and basketball teams.

Listed among those clubs which will be represented pictorially in the yearbook are the following: Music Appreciation, Miriam Stage, Travel, Scribblers, Congressional, Girls Leaders, Girls Assistants, Swimming Leaders, Sharcs, S. F. A. A., Rostrum, Art, Open Forum, Friendship, Science, and Chess.

In addition to this imposing list, *the following school organizations will be included: Student Council, Officers, A Cappella, Band, Shakerite Staff, Honor Study Hall Advisers, Central Committee, Annual Board, Cheerleaders, Public Address Staff, Boosters, and Auditorium Stage Technicians.*

Attention Photographers

According to Dave Dressler, there's "not much time" left in the Gristmill's snapshot contest to determine Shaker's three best amateur photographers. Details of the contest have been previously announced, but here is a reminder to all you budding Gjon Mili's. Take informal snapshots of any and all activities around school, especially those involving seniors, and turn them in to Dave Dressler as soon as possible.

Along revived literary lines will be the class calendar. Even the cover that will enclose this latest edition, scheduled for release on or about May 1, will be elegantly padded as a finishing touch to Shtker's new annual.

Shaker Spreads a 'Merry Christmas'

Beginning on Monday, December 10, and continuing through the Thursday of that week, Shaker's annual program of Christmas welfare took place in the homerooms. Each homeroom, through its council representative, sponsored a family from a list of case histories in the council office and through money contributions helped to insure a merry Christmas for that family.

The number of families aided by the high school's generous contributions totaled 34, and in the words of Dick Moat, student chairman of the Student Activities Committee of the council, each and every one of these 34 needy families received a "good deal and a swell Christmas" as a result of the money given by the student body.

Shaker was asked to contribute only money this year, as the Welfare Agency, from whom the lists of families was obtained, felt that more good can be done if a case worker goes and plans with the parents of the designated family on how the money can be best spent. In this way, each family will use the money to meet its own individual necessities. The Shaker Christmas drive was carried on earlier this year than has been the usual custom in order to give the case worker, affiliated with the Welfare Agency, adequate time to visit and counsel with the families.

A Cappella Choir Presents Annual Holiday Concert

Continuing the tradition long established in Shaker, the A Cappella choir, under the direction of Mrs. Carol Evans, will present its annual Christmas program of carols today. The assembly is based on a church service; Reverend Maxfield Dowell, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, will deliver the Christmas message. Reverend Dowell addressed the graduating senior class last January.

The stirring candlelight procession will mark the beginning of the program. Once on the stage, the choir will render several carols, both new and old favorites. Then Mrs. Evans has planned a community sing in which the whole student body will participate. Jim Relyea will accompany the audience on the chimes. At the conclusion of the program the A Cappella will sing the benediction from the balcony.

The program includes the following selections:

Adoramus Te, Christe. . .Palestrina
Carol of the Bells. . . . .Leontovich
Salvation Is Created. .Tschesnokoff
I Wonder As I Wander. . . . . .Niles Horton
Jingle Bells. . . . . .Arranged by Samuelson
Come Unto Him, from *The Messiah*

Many choir members are being honored with solo parts. Joan Bernstein will sing her interpretation of "Come Unto Him." The solo in "I Wander As I Wander" will be rendered by Ann Ross. A violin solo of "Ave Maria" will be performed by Dorothy Jacobs.

Simeon "Nutchuck" Oliver, the lecturer-pianist, addressed the student body on November fifth. He spoke on Alaska and the Aleutians, relating many experiences he had had with whales, walruses, and seals.

After Nutchuck completed his lecture he displayed some fancy fingerwork on the piano. His repertoire included Alaskan folk tunes, a Sigmund Romberg medley, and several classical selections.

Junior Prom-Alumni Dance Affords Vacation Sendoff

Tomorrow night in the girls' gym Shakerites of the past and the present gather to dance and watch the coronation of the Junior Queen and her two attendants. The dance will last from nine to one, and the "Skyliners," Shaker's new swing band, will be on hand to furnish the music and set the struttin' to a tempo. Streamers and festive decorations will lend a sparkling touch of the Yuletide as the holiday social season is welcomed.

The queen, as in former years, is selected from a slate of Junior girls nominated by their classmates. Chosen for looks, personality, prominence and interest in class affairs, the seven rivals for the coveted crown were Barbara Boykin, Jackie Harris, Laura Lechner, the Osborn twins, Pat Patno, and Therese Zelznick. The Junior Class chose Laura Lechner, Barbara Boykin, and Pat Patno to be the semi-finalists in this contest. One of these three girls will be queen; the other two, her attendants. Announcement of this most respected honor, that of reigning as queen, highlights the party.

Postponed since the Pearl Harbor attack for obvious reasons, the Alumni Dance, combined with the Junior Prom this year, promises to be a really big affair. In past years, invitations have been mailed to former Shakerites having residence nearby and those in the preceding year's graduating class. This season the same procedure is being followed, and a large turnout is anticipated. This dance presents an exclusive opportunity for all Alumni to hear the sensational "Skyliners" and to become acquainted with the swell band those fellows have organized; also it is just the time to see and listen to their vocalist, Debby Linn (Hubba!)

Carol Osborn, chairman of the Junior queen committee; Laura Lechner, "executive" in charge of decorations; Barbara Schultz, director of publicity, and their committees stand on the receiving end of many thanks. Mrs. Marlow and Joanne Clark, chairman of the prom, merit much credit for their efforts to make the dance a success.

Advance bids touch the family purse for $1.15 stag and $1.35 couple. Door prices stand at $1.25 and $1.50 in the accustomed order.

Hamburgs Feature Canteen Christmas

As the cold winter season approaches Shaker's teen-age canteen is proving even more its important place and vital contribution in the recreational life of Shaker High.

Starting the Christmas calendar of social events off with a bang, the Neetnac played host to a swarm of Shaker rooters following the basketball game against Shaw last Friday night with a gala Christmas party, complete with the tree and all its trimmings. John Richardson, president of the Canteen Committee, and Jane Casey, along with many more amateur "interior decorators" deserve the credit for the Christmas-season atmosphere which prevailed. The tree is still standing, shedding the old-fashioned Christmas spirit (and its needles, too) over the room.

Last week also marked a new era in the canteen's history, and a great day in the life of Marilyn Michell, hard-working chairman of the Food Committee. For the first time since the Neetnac has opened, hamburgers were served, and over the space of a few hours, the menu's prestige was increased a hundred per cent. Added to the already popular milk shakes, soft drinks, ice cream cones, and potato chips, the hamburgers make the Neetnac a thriving little restaurant.

Entertainment for last Friday's gay party was provided by the Heights Harmonettes, a group of four girls from Cleveland Heights High School. They were Prudy Wellington, Mary Alice Heller, Jeanne Hansen, and Patty Cook.

BethLewisCrowned 10A Dance Queen

"Sure it was a success. Considering the flu, we did as well as anybody has." Thus Marc Hyre, popular president of the 12A class, summed up the recent Senior dance. Topping off the first Shaker basketball game of the season, the dance, held on November 30, was headlined by the crowning of the All-Shaker Queen.

Of the three Shaker beauties nominated, one J. Galvin was named Queen amidst great applause. However, through some slight technicality he was disqualified, and the honor of "Her Highness, Queen of the Shakerites" went to junior Beth Lewis. For a crown, she received a corsage of orchids. The "Royal Runnerups," Lida Faber, 12A, and Mary Lou Hannon, 10B, were made attendants to the Queen, and each was given a gardenia corsage.

Pass the Vitamins---Here We Go Again . . . !

By Sydney Pennington

Ah, woe is me! Alas, alack!
This Christmas Shopping time is back!

Ah, yes! Every year about the first of December there begins to appear, in the lower corner on the first page of the daily newspaper, a little message to its readers, warning them that there are only so many shopping days until the twenty-fifth of the aforementioned month. Christmas shopping is, without a doubt, just plain an ordeal.

When you first walk along the sidewalks of our great metropolis, you hear something sounding like Grand Central Station. The reason for this is the ringing of the bells of those hundreds of Santa Clauses who annually stand in the cold seeking donations for worthy causes. As you enter one of the gaily bedecked department stores, it suddenly seems as though the entire population of the country has descended upon the scene, and as you are pushed through the mad throngs of people, you begin to wonder what on earth you have done to deserve this. Of course, there are exceptions to all situations, so I suppose for some, Christmas shopping is fun. That is, for some! (Leave me at 'em! I'll moider de bums!)

Naturally, different people approach our topic of discussion in various ways. Let's take what may be a typical family and make the rounds with each member.

When packages begin arriving at the Stanislauski's house around the first week of December, they are usually the results of one of Mom Stanislauski's early shopping expeditions into the "big city." Although she may not agree, Mom has an advantage over the rest of her family by being able to indulge in the joys of Christmas shopping during the day, while her brainchildren (?) are slaving at school.

Sis Stanislauski usually makes definite plans to go downtown all by her lonesome on Saturday and get everything taken care of. But, more often than not, she ends up with half an army of friends, and they're off to the movies.

Junior S., of course, tries to get out the easy way. He usually gives the money to someone and tells that unfortunate creature to buy his presents, or he tells Sis to "go ahead and buy that gift for Mom and I'll pay you later." How much later, though? Someone's bound to come out on the short end.

Poor Pop! ! "This shouldn't happen to a dog!" he thinks, as on the day before Christmas he begins to realize what they've been talking about. He says he hasn't seen so many people since the meeting of Local 99 of the Street Cleaners' conven . . . (oops! there go the family secrets!) Well, anyway, it's always fun to see what he turns up with, and Pop usually does pretty well.

It's now only a few days before Christmas, and your holiday shopping is a thing of the past. You've bought the last tie for Uncle Henry, the fruits of your labor are spread out on the floor in front of you, and you're thinking, "Now I have to wrap them."

Well, go to it gang, while I go out and try to get *my* Christmas shopping done! ! !

Al Littman Heads Shaker Gestapo

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the mysterious room off the cafeteria? It is the courtroom of the Central Committee. This is the place that gets all the lunch odors and all the honor study hall culprits. The hangout of Shaker's Big Six is under the auspices of Miss Pauline Sellers, who has sponsored the honor study hall system for several years.

This year there is an entirely new Central Committee, headed by Al Littman. Verna Hempy, as secretary, records the decisions and judgments of co-workers Jane Casey, Jim Smith, Jenny Lou Craig, and John Richardson, all wise in the ways of justice and mercy. This judicial board meets every Tuesday. It is an open session, and everyone is welcome to visit at any one of these weekly meetings.

Cowan's Corner

Several weeks ago we gave thanks for all that we are fortunate enough to possess. Now it is the season when we not only give thanks for what we have, but share it in some way with our neighbors and friends. This, the first peaceful Christmas in many years, will still be darkened by the poverty and starvation of people everywhere.

To almost everybody, Christmas means a time of good will towards fellow-men. We in Shaker may be proud to have expressed this spirit by answering so willingly the call for aid of some of the needy families in our own community. This help, though, is only a minute part of what is needed to repair the war-wracked world. We ourselves may not be able to go over our small material contribution, but it is our job to remember these people and see that they are not forgotten by others.

With dreams of rest and freedom from schoolbooks, every Shakerite prepares for the most anticipated day of the semester: tomorrow, the first day of the Christmas holidays. In the coming week our spirits must be cheered enough to carry through the exams that loom up in the near future. So, with this in mind, I want to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy 1946.

Bertie's Chirpin'

By Roberta Good

Going steady and accidents seem to run by fits and starts around here. **Betty Kidder** *and* **Bill Naegel** *have taken the fatal plunge. As for the accidents,* **Jean Goldie** *took another kind of plunge with* **Francis Drake** *(from Shaw, not England). It seems that those curbs along Shaker Boulevard are a little higher than they seemed, with the result that* [illegible] *is now recuperating from a broken nose.*

[illegible]eaking of recuperating, the school is just [illegible]ning to revive from the big shock every- got when **Brooke Calder** took **Merny** [illegible]**ton** out of circulation.

[illegible]**ard Elder** seems to be having a little [illegible]" trouble lately. How about a carrot? Shut the doors."

[illegible]**ilt Niergarth** is carrying the torch for **Judy Vajo** of Andrews School like he claims he is, where does that leave **Ann Schleuniger?** And, by the way, Milt, will you please give Ann her allowance? The poor girl's on the verge of bankruptcy.

The phone booths in front of the small auditorium seem to have gotten a lot of attention lately. **Janie** must have to make a lot of phone calls.

"Sam and Mike, Inc.," has been changed recently to **"Jan and Mike, Inc."** How about another ad? "The Shakerite" needs money.

Ann Cowan, having reached the desired objective, now waits around till 5:30 just to get a ride home with him. That's devotion, or is it?

The only thing the matter with the ASGSM was the bathing suits, but that was enough. Need we say more?

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Only Two More . . .

By Nancy Becker

"What would that person like for Christmas?" Familiar? Sure—as familiar as the tree with the star on top, and since the gala day is almost here, there are a few odds and ends that some Shakerites might enjoy shaking out of their stockings (by accident, of course).

All that Lenny Lewis really needs is a razor—or else Barb will be too tickled for words when she sees him.

Two bits Mary Schumacher would look good in a nice pair of warm socks!

Turning to the more poetic side, here's betting that Merny Hamilton would like a nice quiet place with a babbling brook(e) to sit beside.

Just give Lois Anderson a permanent pass to Toledo and she'll be happy.

Speaking of passing, Mary Ann Early ought to have a geometry answer book.

Jenny Lou Craig has that "haggard" look in her face sometimes. Why doesn't someone give her a scholarship to Oberlin?

Although Frankie is still tops, some girls, whose leader is Louise Blum, seem to think that Don Fribourg would offer him stiff competition if given a mike and a bunch of bobby-soxers. Jane Sewell could do well with a mike, too.

Beth "Queenie" Lewis ought to have a king, hubba; and those two needy gals, Gail Jaster and Nancy Coe, say that they would even take the court jesters.

How about a nice, strong chain for Fritz Jackson so he can keep Mary Helen Diven here in Shaker, instead of Peoria, Illinois?

Eleanor Cohen, alias "Murphy," alias "Eli," alias "Stink," alias "Smelly," ought to have a new name. A combination of the initial letter of each moniker spells "Mess"—how about it?

Maybe the rest of the Shaker girls should have Mary Lou Hannon's ability to wear such chic clothes. And maybe they should also have what Dot Hurt has to put inside them. Then there's Mary Lou Holland's face . . . but this could go on for hours.

A few ravishing new redheads, among them Betty Janssen, need a nice new bottle of hydrogen peroxide. And speaking of chemicals, the chemistry classes deserve that long-awaited "flash of pink."

Finally, to each and every Shakerite goes the wish for a Very Merry Christmas vacation. Boy, we sure need it! But remember this happy thought:

'Though for eleven days there's great elation,
It's a long way off 'till another vacation!

Photo by Lister

Debby Linn

Here she is! Miss Debby Linn herself! the "Skyliners" one and only vocalist, and one of the band's four pretty drum majorettes. She admits that "things sorta jump a round inside me" before she begins to sing or twirl the baton. But once everything is under way, she relaxes and gives out with that well-known smile.

Debby is a newcomer to these hallowed halls, being a former inmate at Heights. Debby is crazy about Shaker, and claims, "It's simply wonderful."

This year Debby's subjects include English, mathematics, American History, and art. The latter is by far her favorite. In fact, she likes it so much that it has become her pet form of relaxation. She is especially interested in oil and portrait painting, and also does a great deal of sketching.

As for college, well, Debby is stricty a Miami girl. Seeing as how her family went to Miami University, Debby hopes to go there, too. She plans to study either Art or Medicine. She thinks, though, that she will probably be an artist, because "it takes so much work to be a doctor." However, if she does choose the latter, we'll bet that many males will suddenly become sick and *have* to see the doctor.

Debby's favorite meal is fried chicken (m-m-m, a girl after our own hearts), and that old favorite "Embraceable You" is tops on her present hit parade.

And now we come to the inevitable question: what does she think of men, or any man in particular! After she had deliberated some moments, she replied, "Oh, I think they're nice, just like everybody else does." Sorry, fellas, but she refused to be more specific.

News From Camps and Campuses

By Beverly Rich

Recently released from service and mighty glad to be back in "civvies" again are **Bill Oster, Robert Green, Sherwin Smith, Chester Firchow, Burt Wintner, Ernest French, Arthur Newman, Don Freeman, Bill Hayes, Herb Ackerman,** and **Bob and Ed Polatsek.** Most of the fellows have already made plans for continuing their education: **Arthur Newman** plans to go to Michigan, **Don Freeman** to Harvard school of business, **Sherwin Smith** to Miami, and **Bill Oster** and **Bob Green** to Ohio University at Athens. If this keeps up some of the co-ed schools will actually have rea live male students on their campuses. Just think of it, gals!

Speaking of having future plans "lined up," the **Polatsek** brothers really have a lot to look forward to. Both fellows have completed college and **Ed** plans to marry a nurse whom he met in Iceland while stationed there, while brother **Bob** hopes to enter the publishing business. Best of luck to you both.

Speaking of discharges, **Carl Emmert** and **Ed Yank** have their fingers crossed about being civilians again mighty soon. **Carl** feels so confident that he has already made application to Case for the next term.

Phil Dieter of the Marines and brother **Sandy** of the Seabees were recently home on furloughs at the same time. And if you think that's coincidence, listen to this: They got home just in time to see their other brother **Paul,** who was leaving for service again.

We were all happy to see **Donald Opatrny, Larry Baldwin,** and **Bob Randall,** who were up at Shaker recently while on furlough.

Buddy Sheinbart, after spending his time on the SS. Vanadis, sailing between New York and Virginia, is now on his way to Greenland. Well, maybe he'll teach the Eskimos how to play football!

All of us who look forward to New Year's Eve should take about thirty seconds to feel sorry for **Stan Meisel** . . . He has been inducted into the army and leaves the twenty-eighth of December. "This is a lovely way to spend a New Year's Eve"!

"Neustras Felicitaciones" to **Serene Harrell,** who did so well in a math test at Purdue that she has been promoted to second semester without having to complete the first semester's work.

Due to "too much jeep bouncing," **Johnny Sedlak** has been transferred to a desk job; **John** is stationed in Austria.

Arthur Sievert is working in the Fleet Post Office in Oakland, California. **Capt. Bob Freyer** is stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia, where he is helping with the musical comedy, "By Jupiter," which the men down there are going to put on.

Tom Peter, who is now in the Philippines, was recently on Luzon, where he wrote: "We had our own tents complete with hot and cold running water; the chow consisted of Spam and dehydrated vegetables and all, in all, I wasn't sorry to leave." Now what could make him say that?

Congratulations to **Sgt.** and **Mrs Bill Walton,** who have a baby girl, **Valerie Claire.**

Two by Two

Jim Smith

"This is why you should buy a budget book." Through this sentence those of you who didn't know Jim Smith, met him, and those of you who did, realized that Jim, as business manager of the school, was plunging whole-heartedly into the budget book drive. It was his stirring speech that spurred the Shakerites to hit an all-time high in this year's sale.

In addition to being business manager, this industrious soul is a member of the Congressional Club and is the newly-elected president of the senior chapter of the Shaker Hi-Y. On top of this he is one of the formidable characters who mete out justice to all us long-suffering Honor Study Hall members, being on the Central Committee. The Central figure in his love life is a Heights-goer, however.

As far as subjects are concerned, Jim takes what would be classified as a "tough" course in any man's language. He takes five, yes, five major subjects: English, solid geometry, fourth year Latin, second year Spanish, and American History. For relaxation Jim has a number of interesting hobbies which occupy what's left of his time. He loves reading and frequently may be found listening to his accumulation of boogie woogie records. Jim's pride and joy is his interesting collection of Indian objects. He boasts of having some three hundred and fifty arrowheads alone.

He is also a well-known figure on the mats, being captain of Shaker's wrestling team. Jim has been one of our top-notch wrestlers since his sophomore year, and this year ought to be his all-time high.

SNAP!

By Martha Dennis

Has the rapid seemed crowded to you lately? Some have said it was a westward migration of the bobby-soxers. How right they were! The destination of these Shaker High pilgrims was Chessire Studios. Their purpose —to be mugged for their graduation ("I hope," says Carl Cummings) Gristmill pictures. That extra touch has been apparent in the personal appearance of the senior class during the last six weeks. Some even washed behind their ears for the occasion.

In spite of all the trading of appointments that went on, the time schedule was well worked out, thanks to Merny Hamilton's able management of the project. As their appointments drew closer, the girls began to think about make-up, hair-do, and "How can I look seductive?" The fellas, bless their little hearts, didn't have anything to worry about.

And so we all went down to Chessires. All but Joe Hendrich. Is he *A Minor* casualty of *Greig's Piano Concerto?* or is he to be the man without a face?

A lengthy period of peaceful preparation preceded each photograph. While we were waiting our turn, we looked through old Gristmills, "gras-s-s-s-ping the es-s-senc-s-se of things-s-s." Finally the stray locks of hair received last-minute attention, and, with nervous apprehension at its height, we took that last long look in the mirror and followed the photographer through the portals of the inner sanctum.

At first we were blinded by the battery of floood lights and reflectors. We struck a tentative pose which didn't appeal to the photographer. He spent a minute or so arranging us into awkward, uncomfortable positions, all the time keeping up a line of chatter in an attempt to make us less self-conscious. After much activity behind the camera, the photographer dismissed us. The ordeal was over. There was nothing left to do but wait for the proofs.

Three days later we opened the proof envelopes with eager anticipation. The proofs were eyed with mixed emotions. Some Shakerites were satisfied and some demanded retakes, and some, like Nancy Priode, didn't know what to make of only two (2) proofs. She apparently flustered the photographer so he made a double exposure—(or is that just what she's telling everyone?). And speaking of Nancy leads to mentioning Al Pope, How did Chessire know enough to address the proofs to Alton Dope?

Such, dear underclassmen, are the trials and tribulations which the senior class must face—and that means you, some day.

Matmen Seek City Crown

Heading for another championship year, Shaker's matmen swamped West High 28-12 at West on Dec. 6th. The grapplers were paced by Lefty Jannsen, Don Edelman, Ross San Filippo, Al Weiseman, and Al Littman, all of whom registered pins. Milt Klien also ran up the score when he decisioned his man.

In the opening meet of the season, Shaker's grapplers met defeat at the hands of John Adams 23 to 18. Although greatly weakened by the flu epidemic, Shaker held its own to the last, when Bill Naegel lost in a close decision.

Although the grapplers dropped their first meet, the future looks very bright under the leadership of their new coach, Art Klingel. Coach Klingel has several returning lettermen who will form the nucleus of the team, and he also has many promising first-year men. The lettermen are Don Edelman at 112 lbs., Dick Moat at 120 lbs., Captain Jim Smith at 127 lbs., Milt Klien at 138 lbs., Al Weisman at 145 lbs., John Terhune at 154 lbs., and Al Littman at 185 lbs. Other promising performers are Lefty Janssen, Shelly Estes, Bill Naegel, Ross San Fillipo, Bert Rayden and Pete Tripodes.

Photo by Sachs

Al Littman, Shaker heavyweight wrestler, grapples with a Collinwood matman in this scene from Shaker's 30-10 conquest of the Railroaders.

Season Ends With a Bang

Shaker's 1945 football season ended with a bang, a tremendous victory for Shaker. Lakewood's mighty team came over that Saturday, confident that they would win. They left in a different manner indeed, humble as they tasted overwhelming defeat by a score of 33 to 12. One of the highspots of the game was Burt Rayden's spectacular 98-yard run. After intercepting a pass on Shaker's goal line, he ran the length of the field for a touchdown. The first quarter seemed dark for Shaker, but early in the second quarter Jerry Galvin took the ball and raced 66 yards down the sidelines for ehe first score. After that the score just piled up until it reached the grand total of 33 points.

On December 13, there was the football banquet at which time letters were passed out. The boys who received these letters have trained and practiced for a long time, and they really deserved them. The fellows who got them are: George (Suds) Bissell, Brooke Calder, Bob Chamberlin, Jerry Cook, Ross Cowan, Carl (Newt) Cummings, Phil Dawson, Bill Fotheringham, Jerry Galvin, Fritz Jackson, Lenny Lewis, Al Littman, Herb Polk, Burt Rayden, Skip Rosser, Frank Sarka, and Jimmy Weizer. Most of these fellows will be back next year to give us a swell team as they did this year.

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---Athletic Annies---

By Janie and Moe

Pull out those muscles, girls, (creaky, aren't they?) for the basketball season which is fast approaching. In fact, after a divine Christmas vacation, you will return to school all prepared to play (?) this skillful game. Heavens, all it requires is co-ordination, fast-thinking, and accuracy—one bowl of Wheaties coming up! So after practicing shooting for baskets in your basement, you should sink every ball—well, we're waiting!

Leader's Club will be packing its grip soon and will travel to a play-day with fun galore, at Lakewood. Here's the program: volleyball, basketball, swimming, badminton, and relays—if that doesn't wear you out for one day, I don't know what will.

To relieve our official referees of their tedious jobs, Nancy Bigelow, Nancy Bretschneider, and Lynne Rask, and anyone else who has the urge to, are all going to take a written exam at John Hay on basketball rules to find out how they are rated, just for fun, of course. Who knows; maybe some day they'll be officiating at the Ohio State games—oh, pardon me, that's football! Any-hoo, we wish you bon chance and bon voyage. (If that helps you any.)

Bunny Pribble's gym class is going slightly batty, when she bursts like a nightingale into song with "This is the Story of a Starry Night"—she has invited any Miss Sinatra fans to visit. Otherwise, the song can be heard every afternoon on "Backstage Wife"—take your choice.

Seniors Capture Swimming Meet

Once again the Seniors came through like they did last year and captured the swimming meet title. The Seniors had 23 points, Juniors had 21 points and the Sophomores came in at the tail end with 17 points.

The winners of the events are as follows:

40-yd. freestyle—1, Celine Reinbrecht, Sr.; 2, Bunny Pribble, Jr.; 3, Martha Nelson, Soph.

Diving—1, Eleanor Cohen, Sr.; 2, Celine Reinbrecht, Sr.; 3, Jane Pope and Barbara Winslow, Soph. and Jr. respectively.

60-yd. medley relay—1, Seniors; 2, Juniors; 3, Sophomores.

Synchronized Swimming—1, Mary Ann Leas and Eugenia Reinbrecht; 2, Lida Paull Faber and Celine Reinbrecht.

20-yd. Back Crawl—1, Lida Paull Faber, Sr.; 2, Martha Lou Brown, Sr.; 3, Jacquelyn Jones, Jr.

20-yd. breast Stroke—1, Bunny Pribble, Jr.; 2, Martha Lou Brown, Sr.

20-yd. Underwater—1, Martha Nelson, Soph.; 2, Eleanor Cohen, Sr.; 3, Virginia Vince, Jr.

Ah yes, we must not leave out the comedy put on by Roberta Good, Betty Janssen, Nancy Becker and Nancy Bretschneider, who did such a fine job in amusing all you faithful people who came out to witness the great event.

Cagers Ready For Glenville

Coach Schoen will lead Shaker's stalwart cagers against Glenville tonight at Glenville. Having lost but one game (as of press time) the Raiders will be looking for another triumph tonight.

Two weeks ago Shaker met its first defeat, at the hands of Lorain, 46-30, although the Raiders kept up with the Steelmen during the last half. Bob Chamberlin led the squad, scoring 11 markers.

Shaker cagers triumphed over Euclid Central in their opening game of the season by the tune of 42-27. At the end of the half the Raiders were trailing 18-12, but they pulled away handily when Art Portugal, Jerry Cook and Mike Narten got their range. Narten was high point man, scoring 11 markers, while Cook swished five field goals to garner 10 points.

Coach Schoen has been practicing every night with the squad and everything points to a successful season. Lettermen Dave Dressler and Mike Narten are spearheading the team along with Neil Ruddock, Carl Cummings, Jim Weizer, Suds Bissell, Jack Balazs, Bob Chamberlin, and the fellows mentioned above.

Swimmers Off to Successful Season

Last season's swimming team was champion of the Lake Erie League, second in the city and third in the state. This year, with five lettermen of that team returning and with a good crop of sophomores and juniors, the team is headed for another successful season.

Shaker's swimming team started its season by losing a close meet to East Tech by a score of 36-30, but they hope to avenge that score at their next meet with Tech. In that meet, Hugh Wells was a high-point man as he took two first places, in the 100-yd. freestyle and diving. Other firsts were taken by Al Kolb in the 50-yd. freestyle, and the 200-yd. freestyle relay. We expect big things this year from Al Kolb, who placed sixth in last season's state meet. Hugh Wells is expected to place high in diving, and Captain Jim Merika in the 100-yd. freestyle. Under the leadership of Jim Merika, seven fellows entered in the city championship meet at Fenn College, December 14. Here is the starting lineup for dual meets:

50-yd. freestyle—Al Kolb and Stanton Lee, both lettermen.

100-yd. breaststroke—Phil Kornreich and Tom Cornsweet, a letterman.

200-yd. freestyle—D. Brunner.

100-yd. backstroke—Dan Hahn and Ed Stotter.

100-yd. freestyle—Hugh Wells and Jim Merika, both lettermen.

Diving—Hugh Wells and Bruce McIntyre.

150-yd. medley relay—Dan Hahn, Tom Cornsweet, Gordon McKay.

200-yd. freestyle relay—Al Kolb, Ray Silver, Jim Merika, Stanton Lee.

Our football season has ended and now we all begin to look towards next year's prospects. Of course many seniors will have graduated by next September, but Coach Schoen will have almost a full team of juniors returning.

On the line Ross Cowan and Al Littman will be the only ones who won't be back, so Shaker forward wall should be stronger than ever. Bill Fotheringham filled Ross's shoes very ably during the laeter part of the season, and Bill Naegel or Tom Reading will probably replace Littman.

In the backfield Shaker will be hit the hardest but even there we will have three returning lettermen. Jerry Galvin, Fritz Jackson, Phil Dawson, Frank Sarka, and Carl Cummings will be missed, but Jerry Cook, Herb Polk, and Bert Rayden will be around, and they will form a strong nucleus of next year's Red Raiders. Sam Caruso leads a big field of contenders for this fourth position.

All in all Coach Schoen will have excellent material, and next year points to many a Shaker victory. Watch out, Heights, we're going for that title.

Singer Honored With Appointment

Mr. Ray Singer has been appointed to the Relays Advisory Board of the Ohio Association of Track Coaches. Congratulations, Coach!

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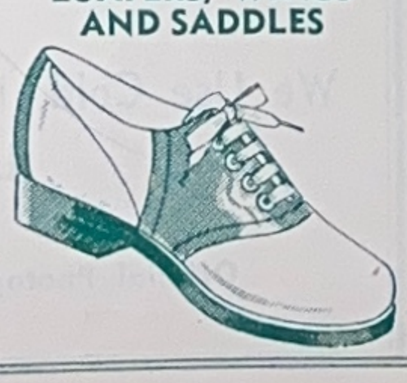

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December Concert Packs Auditorium

Another annual concert by the Shaker Heights High School A Cappella has faded into pleasant memories. The date was Sunday afternoon, December 9, in the high school auditorium. It was well attended and enthusiastically received by approximately 750 music lovers.

The much applauded numbers offered by the soloists and accompanied by the choir were: "Now the Day Is Over," with George Bissell as soloist; "The Italian Street Song," sung by Joan Bernstein; and "I Wonder As I Wander," by Ann Ross.

As featured soloist, Joan Bernstein also sang "The Jewel Song" from the opera "Faust," accompanied by Barbara Schultz at the piano. The familiar Greig Piano Concerto for two pianos was performed by Joe Hendrich and Bruce McIntyre.

Skyliners Register 'Solid' as Shaker's Dance Band Makes Smashing Debut

By Herb Erf

An explosion occurs when the proper combination of air and gasoline vapor is ignited. A similar explosition, although a much more pleasant one, comes as a result of mixing twelve musicians, along with an easy-to-look-at vocalist, calling them the "Skyliners," and then letting them blow and beat away to their hearts' content.

Shaker's new tune masters, these fame-mounting "Skyliners," have in their short existence scored a great hit with the school's admirers of the "sweet" and of the "jazz!" For those unenlightened few who are not now already hep to the members of the dance band, the *Shakerite* presents an authoritative summary.

A-puffing away on a tenor sax are Art Englander, Bill Rini, and Bill Hutchinson. Taking their places in the first row of the bandstand are Don Seymour and Marty Zweig, each with his alto sax. Bill Fotherington, Bruce MacNab, and Ian Seeds all sport trumpets. Speaking of instruments beginning with the letter "t," there remains yet Dick Tappenden tooting on his trombone; Larry Gottfried plucks away at the bass, and Dick Felber swings out the blues at the black and white keyboard. Frank Tichy, long to be remembered in Shaker as "the" drummer, beats out his fascinating rhythms on drums, bells, and anything handy.

There they are—the "Skyliners"—with the exception of their vocalist, Debby Linn, who really wowed 'em at the band's premiere on the night of November 17 at the Neetnac. White carnations for the bandsmen and a gorgeous corsage for the vocalist rendered a professional touch as the boys played and Debby sang, "I'll Buy That Dream" and "It's Been a Long, Long Time."

There it is—the greatest band to blaze away in the Shaker halls for a long time. Yours for the asking (with a dollar or so thrown in here and there for good measure).

In memory of that unforgettable event, a "Skyliner" rehearsal, the *Shakerite* presents its own dramatic version of "While Shaker Slept!"

Tichy: All right, we'll go straight through from the beginning now. *(Enter Seeds through the auditorium, leaps gracefully on the stage, trips, and falls flat on his puss.)*

Seeds: Blank, blank, check, blank—

Seymour: Come, come Ian, this is no time for low comedy. Give us the key.

Seeds: What is the key? I don't have any music yet.

Tappenden: "Who's There?"

Seeds: Okay, I'll bite. Who's there?

Gottfried (coming on stage): I am, darn the luck.

Tappenden: No, no. "Who's There" is the title of the opening number.

Tichy: Let's go—1-2-3 play. *(Near end of song MacNab produces sour harmony).*

Fotheringham: Where'd you get that note? That's not on my score.

Hutchinson: Oh, that was cut out in the fifteenth revision.

MacNab: Well, who has a copy of the fifteeneth revision?

Zweig: I had a page of it until Felber and I rewrote it last night and now we can't read any of it. *(Hutchinson departs with MacNab's score).*

MacNab: There goes my score.

Gottfried: Never mind. We'll rewrite your part again tonight, anyway.

MacNab: But tonight's the dance.

Tichy: Go ahead, Debby. You'll sing this number.

Linn (Band plays. She begins to sing): Oh moonglow.

Chorus: Where'd you find that?

Linn: This paper says "Oh, m-o-i-n-g-l-o-w, so what can it be but moonglow.

Tichy: But it doesn't mean anything.

Rini: Oh, we don't bother about minor details like that in this rehearsal.

Tichy: Go ahead.

Linn: Oh moonglow.

Englander: That's not a song. It's meant for stage direction.

Linn: All right! Oh, moo-o-o-o.

Chorus: What ARE you doing?

Linn: Well, if it's stage direction, it must be "mooing low."

Felber: Oh, the whole thing's been written over three times since then. And the more I think of it, the more I think we should reconsider—

Uncle Bus (entering): There is no provision in the Constitution for reconsideration. Gentlemen, I call your attention to a point of law . . . *ad infinitum (for the benefit of all those concerned the dialogue shall now be declared finished).*

Deans' Assistants Assume Vital Tasks

Service and dependability are the watchwords of those busy assistants to Miss Hollon and Mr. Miller, who are devoting much of their study time every day to the task of keeping the daily affairs of the dean's office under control. To those girls, selected by Miss Hollon largely from a group of volunteers whose school work is adequate, fall the responsibilities of a well managed office.

Every period throughout the day one to three girls in Miss Hollon's office are kept busy collecting absentee slips, making appointmetns, and answering the phone. Other duties of these capable girls are greeting visitors, introducing newcomers to other girls and to the physical aspects of the school, and running errands.

Mr. Miller's assistants, though fewer in number, assume duties similar to those of the girls with the exception of collecting slips. It is the cooperation of these assistants that helps the work of the deans run smoothly. Miss Hollon's assistants include: Carol Marshall, Nancy Taylor, Sally Harwood, Betty Miller, Margie Smith, Marie Caruso, Polly Povejsil, Gloria Goodstein, Elizabeth Benton, Janet Neumark, Kathryn Svec, Barbara Nurenberg, Arlene Wattenmaker, Barbara Schulman, and Ruth Eckstein. Mr. Miller's assistants are: Jim Porter, Harold Hayes, Howard Markt, Dick McLaughlin, Jim Zappola, and Duke Gorling.

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